

24-31 and 35-37 have been cancelled as being directed to non-elected claim groups. New Claims 38-43 have been added.

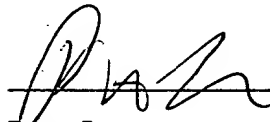
The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at 408-765-8648 if there remains any issue with allowance of this case.

It is respectfully requested that in view of the amendments and arguments set forth herein, the applicable rejections and objections have been overcome. Favorable action is respectfully solicited. Allowance of the Claims is respectfully requested.

Please charge any additional charges to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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